

Data Request Reference:	2425
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Request Theme:	Christmas Day and Christmas Tree Fires
Reporting Period:	01 January 2018 to 19 November 2024

In order to collate the data for Christmas day and Christmas tree fires the following methodology was used:

- The date range used for the search was 01 January 2018 to 19 November 2024. The 19 November 2024 was chosen as an end date as that is the last full day before the data search was carried out and it allowed for any Christmas tree fires up until 19 November 2024.
- Only incidents classified as fires were included, apart from Serial 3 which mentions a false alarm on Christmas Day.
- For Christmas day fires a search of the incident narrative logs for the keywords *turkey* and *dinner* were carried out.
- For Christmas tree fires a search of the incident narrative logs for the keywords *Christmas tree* and *Xmas tree* were carried out.
- For Christmas tree fire a search for Decoration/Celebration – Christmas tree as the item that was damaged first (Question 8.6) and the main item responsible for the spread of fire (Question 8.7) was carried out.
- The General notes section (Question 10.4) was searched for the following keywords: turkey, dinner, Christmas, Xmas, Christmas tree and Xmas tree.

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1	<p>Christmas Day Fires:</p> <p>The number of incidents on Christmas Day (25th December) for each of the past five years (2018 to 2023).</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Number of Fires Attended</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Number of Fires Attended	2018	2	2019	3	2020	3	2021	2	2022	0	2023	2
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2	Christmas Day Fires: A brief description Outcome or action taken Type of location	Incident Serial	Brief Description of Incident	Outcome or Actions Taken	Type of Location
	1	Carbon monoxide detector activated due to build-up of smoke from microwave burning sticky toffee pudding.	Additional smoke alarm fitted by fire service personnel.	House	
	2	Fire caused by faulty electrical plug socket.	Safe and well visit for 26 December in order to install smoke detection.	Maisonette	
	3	Oven on fire. Fire put out prior to arrival of fire service.	Advice given regarding cleanliness of oven and not to use again.	Maisonette	
	4	Fire involving floor and joists below chimney breast.	Fire extinguished.	House	
	5	Recycling bin on fire.	Fire extinguished.	Rubbish container (not wheelie bin)	
	6	Fire in extraction fan.	Advice for casualties, reinspection 3 hours later.	Residential Home	
	7	Street furniture fire - bollard on fire.	Fire extinguished. Request to isolate bollard electrics.	Outside roadside furniture	
	8	Small fire behind fridge in caravan. Fire extinguished prior to fire service arrival.	Fridge removed from caravan. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors given to occupier.	Caravan	
	9	Chimney fire.	Four smoke alarms, one heat sensor and one carbon monoxide fitted in property.	House	
	10	Fire in open, small quantity of rubbish on fire.	Fire extinguished.	Rubbish container (not wheelie bin)	
	11	Fire in kitchen, extinguished prior to arrival of fire service.	Thermal imaging checks and ventilation.	Sheltered Housing - self contained	
12	Small fire in electric oven. Fire extinguished prior to arrival of fire service.	Home fire safety visit completed. Occupier advised not to use gas hob.	House		

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3	References to "Turkey" or "Christmas dinner".	A search of the narrative logs for all incident types yielded one incident where Christmas dinner was mentioned.				
		Date of Incident	Type of Incident	Brief Description of Incident	Outcome or Actions Taken	Type of Location
		25/12/2020	False Alarm	Fumes from Christmas dinner caused detector to activate.	Thermal imaging camera used.	Bungalow
		Turkey was mentioned in relation to turkey farms, not Christmas.				
4	The number of incidents involving fires where a Christmas tree was explicitly mentioned or was a contributing factor for each of the past five years (2018 to 2023...and 2024 if possible)	There were two incidents that specifically mentioned Christmas trees as a contributing factor to the fire.				

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5	Christmas Tree Fires: A brief description Outcome or action taken Type of location Date of incident	Incident Serial	Date of Incident	Brief Description of Incident	Outcome or Actions Taken	Type of Location
		1	12/12/2021	Fake Christmas tree on fire due to faulty Christmas tree lights.	Fire extinguished.	House
		2	13/11/2022	Christmas tree on fire in front room. Believed that Christmas tree lights started the fire. Fault with electric supply.	Electrics isolated venting and cutting away completed quick strike carried out at neighbouring properties handing over forms issued to occupier salvage of personal items to be carried out with occupier.	House